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FIRST AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed 4 October 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment to the specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 6 of this paper.

Amendment to the drawing begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendment to the abstract, none.

Remarks of this paper begin on page 9.